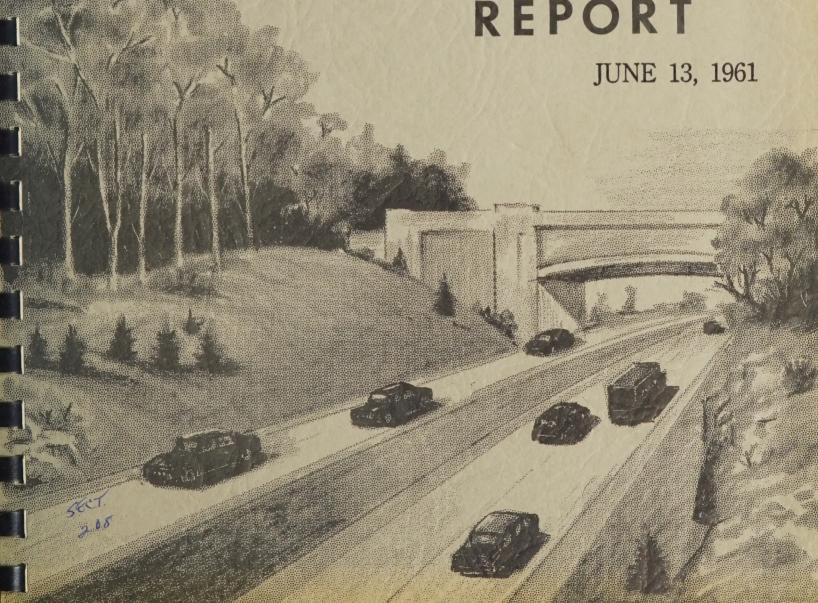


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### NATIONAL HIGHWAY WEEK

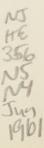
With the cooperation of Governor Robert B. Meyner a most successful promotional effort was made by the Department this past month in marking the week of May 21-27 as National Highway Week in New Jersey.

The Governor officiated at two "anchor points" in the plan for publicizing the importance of highways to the public and the job our Department is doing in the construction and modernization of the New Jersey highway system.

On May 19 the Department issued news releases and photographs related to the Governor's proclamation of National Highway Week in New Jersey. This was followed at the start of the week by ceremonies in the State House, at which Governor Mayner signed legislation that would provide additional funds needed for constructing the long-needed Essex East-West Freeway.

Throughout the week news releases were issued daily to keep highways in the news columns. A major part of the releases dealt with our progress on Interstate Freeway construction and included a complete review of the status of all routes at that time.

To call attention of the public directly to Highway Week the Department obtained over 4,500 auto bumper stickers and 350 window display posters. In addition to affixing stickers on each piece of Department equipment and displaying posters at Highway installations in proximity to roadways





# NATIONAL HIGHWAY WEEK (cont'd.)

additional coverage was gained through cooperation of the State Police, who displayed stickers on their vehicles. Material sent to directors of the Citizens Highway Committee was also put to good use.

Exhibits also played a part in our efforts. A major exhibit in the State House Rotunda drew the attention of state legislators and a considerable number of visiting groups of school children. It served also as the point for distribution of more than 30,000 pieces of informational literature during the two weeks that it remained in position.

The Department has been requested to re-assemble the exhibit for use as a key feature of the State Fair's state building exhibitions.

A second Department exhibit during National Highway Week was located in a principal show window of the Kresge department store in Newark. Concerned with the Department's planning for new freeways and improvements this exhibit drew much favorable comment. As a result it is expected to be re-displayed at other points in the Newark business community.

## INTERSTATE ROUTE STATUS

On June 1 the Department issued a complete review of its progress toward completion of the portions of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways that are to be within New Jersey.

We were glad to report more than a fourth (95 miles) of the proposed 376 mile total of interstate routes were now in use and that more than \$235 million has been put to work on construction, engineering and right of way acquisition since 1954.

Here is a summary of the status of each of the ten routes:

Interstate Route 78:
Location -- From the Holland Tunnel to the Delaware River near
Phillipsburg. - 66.2 miles

Open -- 17.8 miles

Under Construction -- 4.9 miles

Engineering or Right-of-Way -- 41.0 miles

Cost Estimate Line -- 2.5 miles

Interstate Route 80:
Location -- From Teaneck Road in Bergen County to the Delawater
Water Gap. - 68.3 miles
Open -- 12.2 miles
Under Construction -- 8.5 miles
Engineering or Right-of-Way -- 24.6 miles
Alignment Studies -- 23 miles.

Interstate Route 80S:
Location - From Ben Franklin Bridge, Camden, to Interstate
Route 295 in Mount Ephraim. 
Open -- 3.7 miles

Alignment Studies -- 2.9 miles

Interstate Route 95:

Location -- From George Washington Bridge, Fort Lee, to the Delaware River near Trenton. -

70.6 miles

8.9 miles

Open -- 38.3 miles.

Under Construction -- 7.3 miles

Engineering or Right-of-Way -- 7.9 miles.

Cost Estimate Line -- 17.1 miles

Interstate Route 278:

Location - From Goethals Bridge Elizabeth, to Interstate

Route 78 in Springfield. -

Open -- .5 mile.

Cost Estimate Line -- 8.4 miles

Interstate Route 280:

Location -- From Interstate Route 95 near Kearney to Inter-

state Route 80 in Parsippany-Troy Hills. -- 17.3 miles

Open -- 1.0 mile.

Engineering or Right-of-Way -- 7.5 miles.

Alignment Studies -- 5.9 miles.

Cost Estimate Line -- 2.9 miles.

Interstate Route 287:

Location - From Route U.S. 1 in Metuchen to the New York State

Line near Suffern, New York - 65.8 miles

Open -- 2.3 miles.

Construction Underway -- 11.5 miles.

Engineering or Right-of-Way -- 33.1 miles.

Alignment Studies -- .7 miles.

Cost Estimate Line -- 18.2 miles.

Interstate Route 295:

Location - From the Delaware River at Deepwater to Interstate

Route 95 near Trenton. -

67.5 miles

Open -- 15.1 miles.

Under Construction -- 7.0 miles.

Engineering or Right-of-Way -- 14.9 miles.

Alignment Studies -- 30.5 miles.

Interstate Route 495:

Location -- From the Lincoln Tunnel to Interstate Route 95 3.6 miles

Open -- 3.6 miles



Interstate Route 680: Location From Walt Whitman Bridge, Camden, to Interstate	
Route 80S, Camden Open 1.1 miles	1.1 miles
Proposed Mileage Total	375•9 miles
Totals drawn from the individual route summaries show:	
Total proposed length (all routes)	MILES 375.9
Open	95.6
Under Construction	39.2
Anticipated in Construction Stage by 6/30/61	20.0
Final Engineering or Right of Way Plans	109.0
Preliminary Studies and Estimates	112.1

Total Federal Interstate allocations to New Jersey from 1954 through the end of the current fiscal year amount to \$252.7 million. New Jersey is due to receive slightly more than \$70 million for the 1961-62 fiscal year and more than \$600 million additional between then and 1972 for completion of the State's ten Interstate Routes.



### 1961-62 CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Our plans for highway improvement and extension in New Jersey were accelerated this year by Governor Robert B. Meyner through his approval of the Department's construction program for the coming fiscal year months ahead of what has been the normal schedule for such action.

The Governor had submitted to him and approved the \$107 million program in early June. This is in favorable contrast to the regular late August or September submission date that has been observed in the past. The action will enable the Department to begin processing plans and specifications much earlier than usual.

Only items not contained in the program were projects of a non-federal participation character. It is anticipated that these will be announced after the end of the current fiscal year.

The program approved by Governor Meyner provides \$77,866,250 for work on Interstate routes, with 90 per cent of the money coming from the Federal Government; and \$29,146,204 for work on Primary and Urban routes, with 50 per cent of the money coming from the Federal Government. The total program amounts to \$107,012,454, with the Federal share \$84,652,727 and the State share \$22,359,727.

The new program of Primary, Urban and Interstate projects provides approximately \$12.5 million more than the Federal-State allocations for the same types of work in the current 1960-61 fiscal year.



The list of Interstate Projects allocates more than \$47 million for continuation of work on two cross-State routes -- Interstate 80 and Interstate 78.

It provides \$11,600,000 for completion of the Bergen-Passaic Expressway portion of Interstate 80 as far west as Beckwith Avenue in Paterson. From there, it provides \$9,000,000 for right-of-way west to State Route 23 in Wayne Township and \$6,700,000 for right-of-way, grading and drainage from there west to a connection with U. S. Route \$46 in Parsippany-Troy Hills, Morris County.

Interstate 80 will extend for more than 68 miles from Teaneck Road in Bergen County, where it connects with the George Washington Bridge via Interstate 95, across New Jersey to the Delaware Water Gap. It goes on from there to San Francisco. Previous programs have provided for construction from Teaneck Road to Route 17, a new bridge across the Passaic River and various projects adjacent to it, and a 13-mile section in the Denville-Netcong areas of Morris County.

The new program provides \$5,000,000 for purchase of right-of-way on Interstate 78, in the area between Port Street, Newark, and the Union-Springfield line. Another \$15,000,000 is allocated for right-of-way and construction from Springfield Avenue west to a connection with the future Route 24 Freeway in Springfield.

Interstate 78 runs more than 66 miles across the State from the Holland Tunnel to the Delaware River near Phillipsburg. Previous work has been



in sections of Hunterdon and Warren Counties. The projects set up for next year are intended to lead to completion of the route through the congested urban areas of Essex and Union Counties in 1965.

Interstate Route 280 (the Essex East-West Freeway) is allocated another \$5,000,000 for purchase of right-of-way from Newark to Pleasant Valley Way in West Orange under the new program. An identical sum was set up for the same purpose under a previous program and the Highway Department recently executed agreements with engineering firms for preparation of right-of-way and construction plans.

The Department hopes to be actively engaged in purchase of land for the new super-highway this year. It will extend eventually for more than 17 miles from Interstate 95 near Kearny to Interstate 80 in Parsippany-Troy Hills.

The program provides \$10,000,000 for continuation of right-of-way acquisition and construction on Interstate 287. The project extends from U.S. Route 22 northwest of Bound Brook westerly across U.S. Routes 202-206 north of Somerville, and then north to a second crossing of Routes 202-206 near the North Branch of the Raritan River.

Interstate 287 runs in a giant arc for more than 65 miles from Interstate 95 at Metuchen to the New York State line near Suffern, N. Y. Previous programs have provided for construction from Bound Brook to U.S. Route 1 at Metuchen and in the Boonton area of Morris County.



The sum of \$10,000,000 is also provided for construction of Interstate Route 295 from Warwick Road in Camden County north to State Route 73 in Burlington County. The new route has been completed from Warwick Road, in Barrington, south to a junction with Interstate 80S in Mount Ephraim. From there, it is under construction as far south as Verga in Gloucester County.

The latest project, together with the dualization of State Route 73 all the way west to the Delaware River which is now underway, will complete a major peripheral route around the Camden metropolitan area by 1964 or 1965.

The 1961-62 Interstate Program provides \$1,463,231 for joint planning with the Federal Government and \$4,103,019 for miscellaneous construction, right-of-way and utility projects throughout the State.

The program brings the total State and Federal fund. allocated to Interstate projects in New Jersey since 1954 to more than \$360 million.

The list of 16 urban and Primary projects approved by Governor Meyner stresses construction to promote traffic safety and increase the capacity of over-burdened highways. Here is a brief description of each project, list by route numbers:

Route 9 -- \$1,000,000 for dualization of about one mile from an interchange with Route 18 in Madison, Middlesex County, southward to a junction with County Road 520 in Marlboro, Monmouth County. This will help eliminate congestion at the interchange.



Route 15 -- \$\psi 1,000,000\$ for dualization of approximately two miles from Interstate 80 north of Wharton to the vicinity of Berkshire Valley Road in Morris County, to increase the safety and capacity of this route to New Jersey mountain resorts.

Route 17 -- \$2,500,000 for grade separations at Hollywood Avenue in Hohokus and Prospect Avenue in Waldwick, Bergen County, as part of a continuing campaign to eliminate dangerous intersections all the way to the New York State line.

Route 18 -- \$2,000,000 for widening about 2.5 miles from three lanes to four and installing a center barrier and jughandle turns between the Cranbury Turnpike in East Brunswick and Old Bridge, Middlesex County; and \$900,000 for an overpass at Memorial Parkway in New Brunswick, adjacent to a municipal urban redevelopment area.

Route 23 -- \$2,000,000 for dualization of about 2.3 miles from Charlotte-burg, Passaic County, to the vicinity of Oak Ridge Road near Newfoundland, Morris County, along new alignment in some locations. This project will greatly ease traffic congestion in the vicinity of Green Pond Road.

Route 24 -- \$2,500,000 for dualization of approximately 1.2 miles along new alignment from the Morris Turnpike near the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad to an interchange with future Interstate 78 in Springfield, Union County. Together with construction of Interstate 78, this new freeway will allow traffic to bypass the heavily congested areas of



Springfield instead of using the existing Route 24 through the center of town.

Route 29 -- \$2,200,000 for extension of the Trenton East-West Freeway from Aberfeldy Drive to Villa Victoria; and \$3,000,000 for improvements near the State House in connection with construction of new State office buildings.

Route 34 -- \$1,500,000 for dualization of about 8.5 miles from the Collings-wood Circle south to Brielle, Monmouth County, using right-of-way already purchased and graded. This will greatly increase the capacity of the present highway, which now has only one lane and a shoulder in each direction.

Route 35 -- \$1,000,000 for a grade separation at Broadway and Maple Place, Keyport. This intersection, known as the "Six Points", is the source of much danger and confusion to motorists. A grade separation presents the only permanent solution.

Route 36 -- \$1,500,000 for dualization from Keyport easterly, for as far as the available funds permit, in an effort to improve the safety and capacity of this shore route.

Route 47 -- \$500,000 for engineering design studies of about half of a 21-mile bypass of the heavily congested Millville-Vineland area of Cumberland County. This contract would cover studies of the route in the Millville area. The proposed new freeway is part of the Highway Department's master plan for meeting 1975 traffic needs.



Route 38 -- \$2,000,000 for a grade separation at the Maple Shade Circle intersections with Routes 73 and 41. Studies of the tremendous congestion at this point have indicated that cutting through the circle using a channelization scheme would afford only partial relief.

Route 69 -- \$1,500,000 for dualization of about 4.5 miles from Flemington to Larison's Corner, Hunterdon County, in an effort to increase safety and capacity.

Routes 202-206 -- \$1,350,000 for dualization of a total of about two miles in two sections. One would run from Route 28 in Somerville to the vicinity of future Interstate 287 near Poor Farm Road and the other would run from the vicinity of future Interstate 287 near Whitney Road into Bedminster. This construction, together with other future work, will make it easier for motorists to travel between Somerville and Bedminster using Interstate 287, which bypasses both communities.

The program also provides \$531,428 for joint studies with the Federal Government; \$1,129,716 for miscellaneous Urban projects; and \$1,035,060 for miscellaneous Primary projects.

#### CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

The total of field construction underway by the Department at any one time in its history reached an all time high this month when the value of all contracts underway reach \$106,688,000. It is expected that this figure will be surpassed in the near future as additional major projects reach the construction stage.



Bids on two such projects received during the month, however, had to be rejected because of technical flaws in bid procedures on the part of certain contractors in each instance. One project thus delayed was the proposed Interstate Route 80 and Route N.J. 17 interchange in the Lodi-Hackensack area. The second project involved the sand drain stabilization of meadow areas adjacent to Overpeck Creek necessary to building the Interstate Route 95 section that will connect the N.J. Turnpike with Interstate Route 80 and the George Washington Bridge. Both projects have been readvertised and bids filed late this month.

Two other major Interstate projects that will be put under contract soon include sections of Interstate Route 287 in Morris and in Midddlesex Counties. The Morris County project will be the first of three aimed at serving the immediate need for a relocated Route U.S. 202 that will bypass Boonton. The Middlesex County project will be the fourth of five that are to provide a completely new freeway through the Raritan Valley between Route U.S. 1 on the east and Route U.S. 22 between Bound Brook and Somerville.



#### **MEETINGS**

In addition to the routine staff and other meetings, the following are a few of the conferences and meetings held during the month:

May 10 - Joint meeting with Governor Robert B. Meyner and Port of New York Authority officials on matters affecting Port Authority activities.

Attended annual dinner of the State House correspondents.

May 11 - Met with Senator George B. Harper re our planning concerned with Routes 15 and 23.

Bi-State Transportation Agency meeting in New York.

- May 12 With Senator Robert H. Weber in Millville for review of our future plans with regard to Route 47 (Delsea Drive).
- May 16 Meeting with representatives of Governor Nelson

  Rockefeller for discussion of bi-state interest in the

  Hudson & Manhattan RR and proposed World Trade Center.

  Governor's Cabinet meeting.
- May 17 Conference on truck weights and trucking legislation
  with representatives of the trucking industry and Federal
  Bureau of Public Roads.



### MEETINGS, contd.

- May 29 Met with Vice President of the Erie Railroad re that line's Paterson and Passaic trackage.
- June 2 Meeting with Port of New York Authority officials for review of various matters.
- June 5 Conference with Camden area group, at Camden, re our
  Route 38-Cuthbert Road improvement plans.
  - Large scale meeting with officials of Passaic County and municipalities that would be affected by our planning for extension of the Route 21 Freeway north of Route 3.
- June 6 Met with Mr. Wilentz and his associates of the Perth Amboy area re alignment of the proposed Middlesex East-West Freeway east of Route U.S. 1.
- June 7 Met with Mr. William Stretch, editor of the Camden CourierPost re our Route 38-Cuthbert Road improvement plans.

  Luncheon meeting with Mr. Austin Tobin, executive director of the Port of New York Authority.
- June 8 Meeting with Port of New York Authority officials and Mr.

  William Ronan, representative of Governor Nelson Rockefeller,

  re Hudson and Manhattan RR and World Trade Center.
- June 9 Visited by officials of the Camden Archdiocese and its council re our Route 38 planning.



#### MEETINGS, contd.

- May 17 Luncheon meeting in Newark with group interested in Newark Airport area.
- May 18 Met in Camden with the Vicar General of the Camden Archdiocese concerning our plans for improvement of the Route 38 and Cuthbert Road intersection.
- May 22 Meeting with New Jersey commissioners of the Port of New York Authority re Hudson & Manhattan RR and World Trade Center.
  - Participated in signing of legislation (S-102) providing funds for Essex East-West Freeway (Interstate 280).
- May 23 With Governors Robert B. Meyner and Nelson Rockefeller at New Yorker Hotel for discussion of legislation concerning the Hudson & Manhattan RR and World Trade Center.
- May 25 Conference with trucking industry representatives re weight limitations and legislation.
  - Meeting of the Bi-State Transportation Agency.
- May 26 Participated in the Phillipsburg Centennial celebration.
- May 29 Newark meeting with group interested in a proposed industrial center related to Interstate Route 78.



# BIDS RECEIVED

May	11	200	Route U.S. 22 - Widening Kenilworth, Union & Springfield Townships Union County.  Middlesex Concrete Products & Excavating Corp., Woodbridge	<b>\$</b> 74 <b>,</b> 337 <b>.</b> 80
May	11	-	Interstate Route 95 Sand Drains and Incidental Work Ridgefield Park & Teaneck Township Bergen County. Geo. M. Brewster & Son, Bogota	3,119,916.00
May	18	-	Route U. S. 22 Widening, Resurfacing and Widening of Bridge Over LVRR and Liberty Avenue Hillside Township, Union County. Mal-Bros Contracting Co., W. Caldwell	572,631.60
May	18	****	Landing Street - Defense Access Road Lumberton to Newbolds Corner Lumberton Township, Burlington County. Barrett Paving Co., Trenton	55,831.56
May	511	-	Route 4 - Widening Englewood, Bergen County. Jersey State Concrete Co., Hackensack	27,475.00
May	24	carin	Route U.S. 22 - Resurfacing Union Township, Hunterdon County. Warren Paving Co., Stewartsville	179,034.51
May	25	440	Interstate Route 80-17 Grading-Paving-Bridges Lodi, Teterboro, Hackensack, Hackensack Twp. Bergen County. Franklin Contracting Co., Little Falls	4,133,661.89



\$ 8,363,729.51

#### BIDS RECEIVED, contd.

Total Bids Received

June 8 - Route 3 - Deck Repair
Hackensack River Bridge
Bergen & Hudson Counties.
Franklin Contracting Co., Little Falls \$ 155,786.50

June 8 - Route 27 - Culvert at Stillwell Road
Franklin Township, Somerset County.
S. Brunswick Township, Middlesex County
Coopersmith Bros., Phillipsburg 45,054.65



#### CONTRACTS AWARDED

May 11 -	Routes 130-206 - Bordentown Overpasses Burlington County. Kingston Bituminous Products Co., Kingston	\$1,188,885.92
May 22 -	Vine Street Bridge over Maurice River Millville, Cumberland County. F. A. Canuso & Sons, Philadelphia	216,136.69
May 23 -	Interstate Route 287 (Middlesex Freeway) Grading-Paving-Bridges S. Plainfield & Edison Township Middlesex County Public Constructors, Inc., Blackwood	3,959,671.90
May 23 -	Route U. S. 22 - Widening Kenilworth, Union & Springfield Townships Union County.  Middlesex Concrete Products & Excavating Corp., Woodbridge	74,337.80
June 6 -	Landing Street - Defense Access Road Lumberton Township, Burlington County. Barrett Paving Co., Trenton	55,831.56
June 8 -	Route U. S. 22 Widening, Resurfacing and Widening of Bridge Over LVRR and Liberty Avenue Hillside Township, Union County. Mal-Bros Contracting Co., W. Caldwell	572,631.60
June 8 -	Route 4 - Widening Englewood, Bergen County Jersey State Concrete Co., Hackensack	27,475.00
June 8 -	Route U.S. 22 - Resurfacing Union Township, Hunterdon County Warren Paving Co., Stewartsville	179,034.51
	Total Contracts Awarded	\$ 2,274,004.98



#### BIDS TO BE RECEIVED

- June 14 Interstate Route 80
  Demolition of Buildings
  Paterson, Passaic County.
- June 22 Route U. S. 22 Resurfacing
  Newark, Townships of Hillside and Union
  Union and Essex Counties.
- June 22 Whiting-Hornerstown Road County Road 539 Ocean County.
- June 28 Route 4 Hackensack Avenue
  Revision of Southeast and Southwest Ramps
  Hackensack, Bergen County.
- June 28 Interstate Route 95
  Sand Drains and Incidental Work
  Ridgefield Park and Teaneck Townships
  Bergen County.
- June 29 Interstate Route 80
  Grading-Paving-Bridges
  Lodi, Teterboro, Hackensack, Hackensack Township
  Bergen County.
- June 30 Routes 1 and 9
  Underground Electrical Structures
  Elizabeth Newark
- July 5 Interstate Route 287
  Grading-Paving-Bridges
  Parsippany-Troy Hills and Boonton
  Morris County.



#### BIDS TO BE RECEIVED, contd.

- July 6 Interstate Route 287
  Grading-Paving-Bridges
  Edison Township and Metuchen
  Middlesex County.
- July 7 Route 208
  Franklin Lakes and Oakland
  Bergen County.
- July 13- Route 18 Widening and Resurfacing East Brunswick - Madison Township Middlesex County.





Governor Robert B. Meyner signs legislation providing funds for Essex East-West Freeway. The ceremonies marked the opening of National Highway Week in New Jersey.



### NEW JERSEY STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1035 Parkway Ave. Trenton

IMMEDIATE RELEASE



TU xedo 2-3000 - Ext. 431-432

1961 ROUTE 27 - BIDS Drainage Somerset County.

Trenton, June 8 - Coopersmith Brothers, Inc., of Phillipsburg, submitted the low bid of \$45,054.65 on a New Jersey State Highway Department contract for correcting flooding conditions on Route 27 in Franklin Township, Somerset County.

The existing 36-inch diameter drain pipe line that crosses under Route 27 about 150 feet east of Stillwell Road will be replaced by a concrete box culvert ten feet wide and four feet high.

A temporary two-lane bituminous concrete roadway will carry traffic around the work site during construction. The Department estimated it will take 90 working days to complete the project.

All bids for the 100 per cent State financed project will be reviewed by State Highway engineers before the contract is awarded.

Other bidders were: Brann & Stuart Co., Trenton, \$51,350.50; J. F. Chapman & Son, Hillside, \$52,359.45; Construction Service Co., Bound Brook, \$58,850.50; Ell-Dorer Contracting Co., Irvington, \$59,543.30.

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1961 ROUTE 3 - BIDS Hackensack River Bridge Bergen- Hudson Counties.

Trenton, June 8 - The lowest bid received today by the New Jersey State Highway Department on a contract for reinforcing the deck of the Route 3 Hackensack River bridge between Bergen and Hudson Counties was \$155,786.50 submitted by the Franklin Contracting Co., Little Falls,

The maintenance contract calls for installing six lines of steel plates the length of the bridge to "cushion" the impact of the daily passage of 75,000 vehicles. The project is designed to improve safety and avoid delays which have been caused in the past by spot repairs.

The steel plates will be covered with a non-skid material and the spaces between them filled with bituminous concrete. The Department will require the construction crews to do all work at night.

The Department has allowed 60 working days for completing the 100 per cent State fiananced project. All bids will be reviewed by State Highway engineers before the contract is awarded.

Other bidders were: Schiavone Construction Co., Secaucus, \$185,820.00; C. F. Malanka & Sons, Union City, \$199,932.50; Kuchar Brothers, Montvale, \$264,810.00.

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# NEW JERSEY STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

1035 Parkway Ave. Trenton RELEASE MONDAY P.M. June 5



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1961 PUBLIC AUCTION Middlesex and Morris Counties

Trenton, June 5. The New Jersey State Highway Department will hold public auctions

June 6 and 8 on 52 residential and commercial buildings in Middlesex and Morris

Counties.

The buildings are being offered for sale before the ground is cleared to make way for new Interstate freeways.

Buildings purchased at the sale must be removed from the highway construction site upon ten days notice after the transaction is final.

In Middlesex County, where a section of Interstate Route 287 will be constructed,
30 buildings in Edison Township and three buildings in Metuchen will be offered
June 6 at 11 a.m. in the Highway Department offices, 1147 Amboy Avenue in Metuchen.

In Morris County, where another section of Interstate Route 287 will be built, 12 buildings in Boonton and 7 buildings in Parsippany-Troy Hills will be offered for sale June 8. The auction will begin 11 a.m. at 173 Roessler Street in Boonton.

Residential buildings with garages will be considered as a single unit. All other buildings will be offered as individual units.

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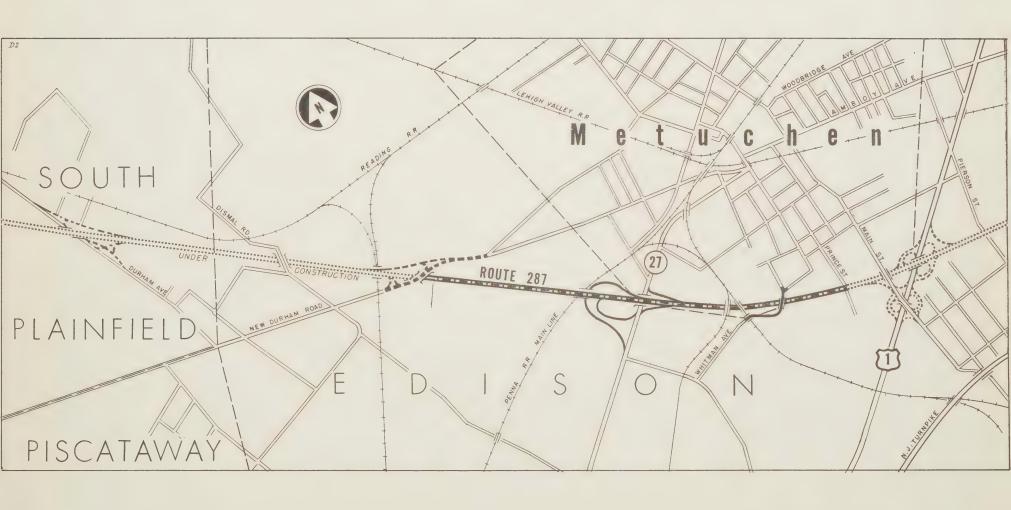
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## NEW JERSEY STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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RELEASE FRIDAY Pms MAY 26 1961 INTERSTATE ROUTE 287 - ADV Middlesex County

Trenton, May 26 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today advertised for bids July 6 on a contract for constructing a new link in the 13-mile stretch of Interstate Route 287 in Middlesex County.

The project is the fourth of five undertaken to provide a new superhighway from Route 22 near Somerville to Route 1 in Metuchen Borough. It will cover a 1.7-mile section from New Durham Road in Edison Township to Prince Street in Metuchen. The entire 13 miles should be completed in 1962. It will relieve the heavy traffic pressure now being borne by overtaxed roads in the Somerville-Bound Brook and New Brunswick areas.

More than 140,000 vehicles a day are expected to use Route 287 at Metuchen in 1975. The traffic load on Route 1 in the same area is now about 33,500 vehicles a day.

Approximately 90,000 vehicles a day are expected at the Route 27 interchange. Current traffic volumes in this area now reach 17,000 vehicles a day.

At the western end of the 13-mile section a daily average of 75,000 vehicles per day is anticipated, compared with current volumes of more than 32,000.

West of Route 27, the new freeway will contain six traffic lanes and east of Route 27 it will have eight lanes.

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1961 INTERSTATE ROUTE 287 - ADV. Middlesex County

The six-lane portion will consist of two 3-lane concrete roadways, each 37 feet wide, separated by a 36-foot wide grass center island and bordered by outer shoulders 12 feet wide.

The eight-lane portion will have 48-foot wide roadways, 12 outer shoulders, 10 foot inner shoulders and an 18 foot center island.

The Route 27 interchange will have entrance ramps only to eastbound 287, and exit ramps only from westbound 287.

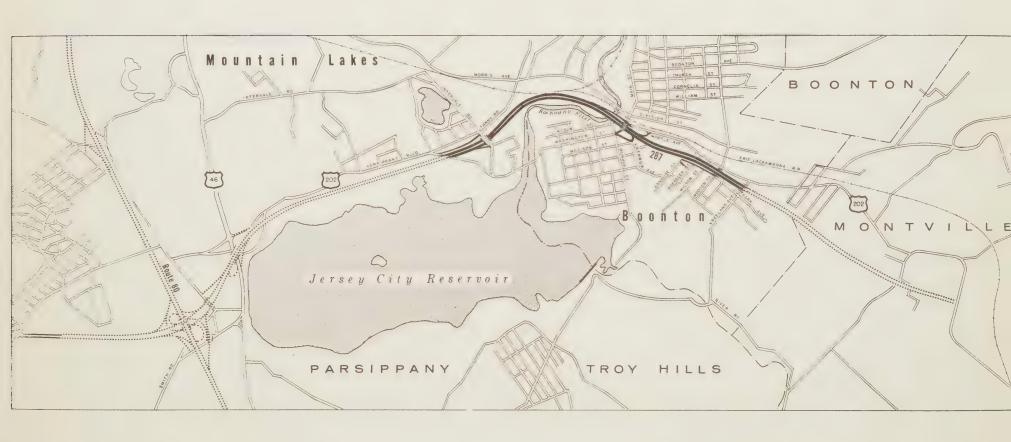
Five bridges are included in the construction plans. One will take Route 287 over the Pennsylvania Railroad and another will carry 287 over Route 27. Two more bridges will carry the PRR Westinghouse and Bonhamtown railroad spurs over Route 287. The fifth bridge will carry Whitman Avenue over Route 287 about 350 feet east of the local street's present alignment. Whitman Avenue will be relocated to connect with it.

The Department's overall plan for Interstate Route 287 shows it extending for 65.8 miles from Interstate Route 95 near Metuchen to the New York state line near Suffern, forming part of a gigantic loop around metropolitan New Jersey and New York. The overall cost is estimated at \$155 million, ninety per cent of which will be paid by the Federal Government.

Completion of this project is aimed for December, 1962. All bids for the contract will be reviewed by State and Federal officials before it is awarded.

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### NEW JERSEY STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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RELEASE FRI. P.M. May 26



1961 INTERSTATE ROUTE 287 - ADV. Boonton, Morris County.

Trenton, May 26 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced it will soon undertake construction of the first section of Interstate Route 287 to be built in Morris County under the 1956 Federal Highway Program.

The Department said it will take bids July 5 on construction of two miles of the new Interstate freeway running through Boonton. The project will relieve congestion on sections of Myrtle Avenue, Washington Avenue and Parsippany Boulevard which are now serving as local portions of U.S. Route 202, and also relieve Morris County's Rockaway River Bridge which would have to be replaced were we not to construct Route 287.

The work will be the first in a series of adjoining construction jobs designed to link with Route U.S. 46 to the south and with existing U.S. Route 202 in Montville Township to the north.

Between Route U.S. 46 and Route 10 in Morris County, a 1.9 mile section of the U.S. 202 Freeway completed in 1957 at a cost of \$2.4 million has been designated as a portion of Interstate Route 287. However, it was put under construction before passage of the 1956 Federal law requiring the Federal Government to pay 90 per cent of the cost of Interstate routes.

Farther south, the Department is in the process of constructing four sections of Interstate Route 287 to relieve congestion in the Bound Brook area. Future work will carry the super-highway to Route U.S. 1 near Metuchen.

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1961 INTERSTATE ROUTE 287 - ADV. Boonton, Morris County.

The Department's overall plan for Interstate Route 287 shows it extending for 65.8 miles from Interstate Route 95 (the New Jersey Turnpike) near Metuchen to the New York line near Suffern, forming part of a gigantic loop around metropolitan New Jersey and New York. Final cost is currently estimated at \$155 million.

The proposed construction work in the Boonton area will take place between Parsippany Boulevard (Route U.S. 202) in Parsippany-Troy Hills Township and a point about 600 feet north of Vreeland Avenue in Boonton.

The Freeway will consist of two roadways separated by a grass center island ranging in width from 32 feet to 56 feet. Each roadway will have two 12-foot concrete traffic lanes, a 12-foot outer and a four-foot inner bituminous concrete shoulder.

There will be a permanent scuthbound ramp from Myrtle Avenue between Wooton and Main Streets, and another southbound ramp connection near relocated Monroe Street.

Intervale Road, Fanny Road and relocated Parsippany Boulevard will meet at a revised intersection west of the freeway. The relocated Boulevard will then follow a new path southward along the westerly edge of the future freeway to the end of the construction site where it will follow its present course.

The freeway's southbound roadway will temporarily end at Parsippany Boulevard, which also serves as the starting point for the freeway's northbound roadway. Future construction will link the freeway with Route U.S. 46.

Northbound Route 287 traffic will have exit ramps leading to Intervale Road, Lathrop Avenue and Washington Street and Wooton Street. je 188. alikas 20**010 2012 –** 814. 1880 – 1881 – 1881 – 18

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INTERSTATE ROUTE 287 - ADV.
Boonton, Morris County.

Along the freeway's eastern edge, starting at Kanouse Street, new parallel roads will be constructed northward that will extend to an intersection with Wooton Street and Park Avenue. Along the way this road will serve to connect Kanouse Street, Roessler Street, Wilson Street and Wooton Street.

Five bridges are included in the project - one will take the freeway over relocated Rockaway River and another bridge will carry Intervale Road over the super-highway. The third structure will take Washington-Main Street over the freeway and the fourth bridge will span Wooton Street.

The northernmost bridge will go over Vreeland Avenue.

Slight relocations will be necessary for some streets near the freeway - Intervale Road, Fanny Road, Monroe Street and Main Street.

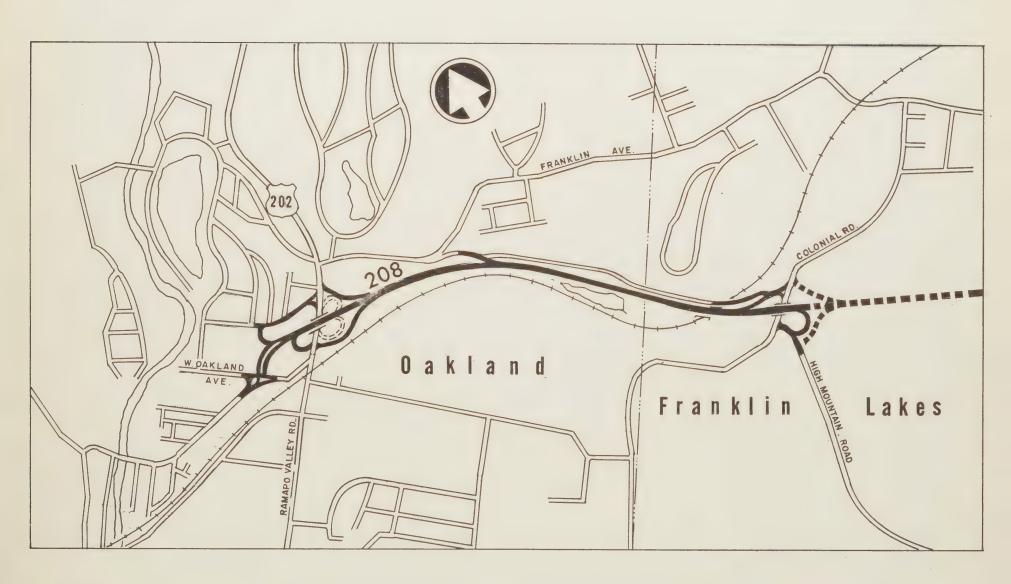
The Highway Department has allowed 300 working days for completing the Federal-State project.

All bids will be reviewed by the Federal Bureau of Public Roads and State Highway engineers before the contract is awarded.

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# NEW JERSEY STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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RELEASE FRIDAY PM May 26.



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1961 ROUTE 208 - ADV. Colonial Road-Route 202 Bergen County.

Trenton, May 26 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced it will receive bids July 7 on a contract for constructing the final section of Route 208 in Bergen County, linking Route 4 in Fair Lawn with Route 202 in Oakland.

The project is the last in a series that has added 9.4 miles of continuous two-lane highway to the State Highway system so far, and has prepared the way for dualizing the entire stretch in the future. The last link will join the previously constructed highway at Colonial Road in Franklin Lakes and extend 1.3 miles northwest to the connection with Route 202.

Highway Department plans call for constructing a 46-foot wide roadway that will carry two 12-foot traffic lanes, an additional 12-foot climbing lane for east-bound traffic, and a ten-foot wide hard surfaced shoulder along the westbound lane.

A cross section slice of the highway shows a subbase 14 inches thick, a macadam base seven inches thick and a bituminous concrete riding surface three inches thick.

At Colonial Road a partially constructed interchange will be completed to provide full traffic connections between the two arteries. Route 208 will pass over Colonial Road via a bridge to be constructed as part of the interchange.

Under a separate \$198,000 contract, a bridge to carry the future highway over the New York Susquehanna & Western Railroad is now being constructed west of Colonial Road.

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ROUTE 208 - ADV.
Colonial Road-Route 202
Bergen County.

Where Routes 208 and 202 join in Oakland, a full interchange, will link both highways. Design of the interchange requires existing Powder Mill Lane, to be relocated from Ramapo Valley Road westerly to Cedar Street where it will rejoin and follow its original course.

The future highway will replace Allerman Road except for a short stretch south of the new highway and east of Pond Brook which will serve as an access road for adjacent properties.

New Jersey Route 208 will parallel High Mountain Road. Short portions of High Mountain Road will be relocated on both sides of Colonial Road, and also a 700-foot section east of the Allerman Road-Franklin Avenue intersection.

Cost of the 9.4 miles of highway now open, including construction of 17 bridges totals more than \$5.6 million.

The project comes under the Federal Government's plan for aid to Primary and Urban roads in which costs are shared by State and Federal governments on a 50-50 basis.

All bids will be reviewed by State Highway engineers and the Federal Bureau of Public Roads before the contract is awarded.

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1961 ROUTE 22 - ADV. Essex & Union Counties

Trenton, May 26 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today advertised for bids on another improvement to heavily traveled Route U.S. 22 in Essex and Union Counties.

The Department said it would take bids June 22 on a contract for resurfacing 2.6 miles of the worn down concrete highway from Meeker Avenue in Newark through Hillside Township to Vaux Hall Road in Union Township.

The project will skip a half mile in Hillside where the Liberty Avenue viaduct is to be widened and adjoining highway sections resurfaced under a separate contract. A low bid of \$572,631 on the viaduct job was submitted by the Mal-Bros Contracting Co., of West Caldwell, last week.

A 500-foot section of Route 22 under the Lehigh Valley Railroad bridge on the Essex-Union County line will also be omitted from the resurfacing project.

Route U.S. 22 in this area carries one of the heaviest traffic loads in the State. Its concrete roadways, varying from 29 to 32 feet in width were separated by a 20-inch high center barrier under a previous contract in order to prevent head-on collisions. The roadways will be resurfaced with three inches of bituminous concrete under the latest improvement.

The contract will allow 30 working days for completion of the project. All costs will be borne by the State Highway Department. During the construction period a major portion of the work will be performed at night in order to minimize inconvenience to traffic. During work periods within the area where work is being performed, traffic may be reduced to a single lane immediately adjacent to the work area. (more)

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1961 ROUTE 22 - ADV. Essex & Union Counties.

Recent measures to improve safety on Route U.S. 22 have included lower truck speed limits September 7 to 45 m.p.h. along Route 22 between the Somerville traffic circle east to the route's junction with U.S. 1 in Newark, the elimination of nearly all at-grade intersections through the construction of overpasses, reconstruction and resurfacing of portions of the highway, and introduction of more than 13 miles of concrete center barrier to prevent head-on collisions between vehicles traveling in opposing directions.

Funds have been provided in the Department's 1960-61 fiscal budget for continuing the center barrier's extension another 5 miles westerly from its present terminal point at Washington Avenue, Greenbrook Township, to Thompson Avenue, Bridgewater Township, where a wide center island exists.

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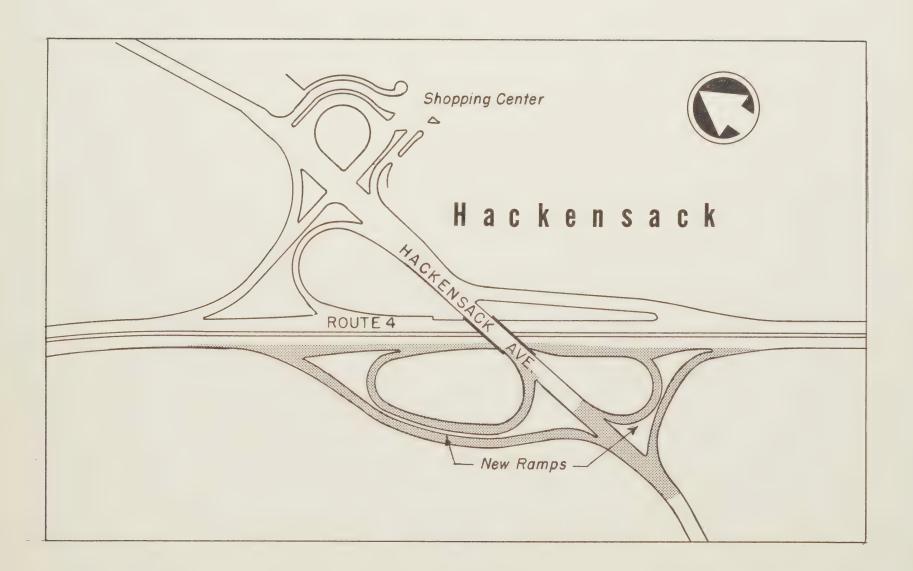
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1961 ROUTE 4 - ADV Hackensack Avenue Interchange Hackensack, Bergen County

Trenton, May 26 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today advertised for bids June 28 on construction of four interchange ramps connecting Hackensack Avenue with eastbound Route 4 in Hackensack, Bergen County.

The contract also calls for resurfacing a half-mile section of the main highway's eastbound roadway adjacent to the construction site.

The new ramps will combine with others, built in 1959 at the northern end of the Hackensack Avenue overpass, to provide a complete channelized interchange.

They will eliminate cross traffic on Hackensack Avenue by replacing the at-grade intersection south of the overpass. Construction will take 60 working days according to Highway Department estimates.

The Department's plans show the new ramps having widths ranging from 22 to 28 feet.

They will be surfaced with layers of bituminous concrete three inches thick and bordered with concrete curbs.

Between the Hackensack River and the New York and New Jersey Railroad, the eastbound roadway of Route 4 will be resurfaced with bituminous concrete three inches thick from the concrete center barrier outward to the new curbs, which have been set back to accommodate the new ramp entrance and exit openings.

Approximately 700 feet of Hackensack Avenue southward from the overpass also will be resurfaced with bituminous concrete three inches thick and a 150-foot long sidewalk constructed along its easterly curb near the future Route 4 "on" ramp.

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ROUTE 4 - ADV. Hackensack Avenue Interchange Hackensack, Bergen County

No detours will be required during construction. A minimum of one lane in each direction will be maintained at all times on Hackensack Avenue, and two lanes on Route 4's eastbound roadway. Warning signs, barricades, lights and traffic cones will be posted where needed to alert and guide motorists.

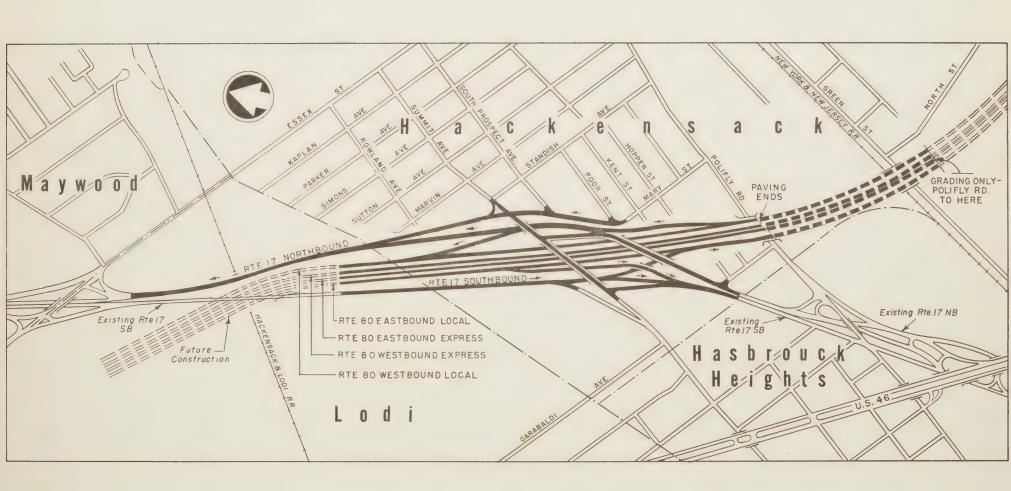
Completed last November was a \$232,600 project in Fort Lee and Englewood, Bergen County, for resurfacing Route 4, improving ramps at Jones Road and installing 1.5 miles of center barrier between Lafayette Avenue and Jones Road.

All bids for the Hackensack Avenue project will be reviewed by State Highway engineers and the Federal Bureau of Public Roads before the contract is awarded. Project costs will be shared by the State and Federal Governments.

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INTERSTATE ROUTE 80 - BIDS Route 17 Interchange Bergen County. Progress Report- 80 & 95.

Trenton, May 25 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today received a low bid of \$4,133,661.89 on construction of a major interchange connecting Interstate 80 with N. J. Route 17 in Bergen County.

The bid, lowest of nine received on the project, was submitted by Franklin Contracting Co., of Little Falls. Other bids were: Poirier & McLane Corp.,

New York City, \$4,644,308.30; S. J. Groves & Sons Co., Woodbridge, \$4,850,006.23;

Samuel Braen Sons, Hawthorne, \$5,037,205.16; Johnson, Drake ' Piper, New York

City, \$5,197,489.02; Hagen Industries, Inc., Corona, N.Y., \$5,197,788.43;

Geo. M. Brewster & Son, Bogota, \$5,355,909.55; Yonkers Contracting Co., Yonkers,

N.Y., \$5,604,027.45; Rusciano Construction Corp., Pelham Manor, N. Y.,

\$5,928,089.15.

The interchange contract will cover work in Hackensack, South Hackensack, Lodi and Teterboro.

The new superhighway will be completely constructed from Polifly Road northward to a point 1,000 feet past the Hackensack & Lodi Railroad, a distance of 1.1 miles, and its foundation prepared for 500 feet south of Polifly Road.

The Department's road construction plans show a long, narrow interchange, with Route 17 northbound and southbound roadways separated, and the Interstate double-dual eight-lane highway constructed between them.

1961 INTERSTATE ROUTE 80 - BIDS Route 17 Interchange Bergen County Progress Report 80 & 95

The contractor will be required to maintain traffic both ways on Route 17 and on Summit Avenue, which local traffic will use while Polifly Road is closed during early stages of construction.

All bids for the contract will be reviewed by State Highway engineers and the Federal Bureau of Public Roads before it is awarded.

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EDITORS NOTE - A PROGRESS REPORT ON INTERSTATE ROUTES 80 and 95 IS ATTACHED.

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#### INTERSTATE ROUTES 80 AND 95

#### PROGRESS REPORT

The Highway Department also announced it plans to advertise next month for bids on three Interstate Route 80 projects adjacent to the new Passaic River Bridge between Paterson and East Paterson.

The 731-foot long bridge is being built under a current \$2.7 million contract and is virtually complete.

One of the contracts due to be advertised before June 30 will run from Vernon Avenue to McLean Boulevard in Paterson, and will include completion of an interchange with Route 20.

Another contract will carry the new super-highway from the eastern end of the bridge to River Road in East Paterson. Immediately adjacent to that, the third contract will provide for construction of five bridges.

Interstate Route 80 in this area forms part of the Bergen-Passaic Expressway. The Expressway is due for completion from the George Washington Bridge to Route 17 in Bergen County by mid-1962. The Highway Department hopes to award all necessary construction contracts in the next 13 months for completion of the Expressway into Paterson.

From a junction with Interstate Route 95 near Teaneck Road in Bergen County,
Interstate 80 runs more than 68 miles across New Jersey to the Delaware
Water Gap. From there, it extends all the way to San Francisco as part of
the 41,000-mile system of Interstate and Defense Highways. Total cost of
completing the 68-mile section has been estimated by the State at \$291 million.
The Federal Government will pay 90 per cent of the cost.

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More than \$6.5 million worth of construction is underway in the section from Teaneck Road to the Passaic River Bridge. Jobs already in progress include work on the substructure and superstructure of a bridge across the Hackensack River, at a cost of more than \$5.5 million, and stabilization of the super-highway's foundation near Teterboro at a cost of almost \$1 million.

The Department has already begun purchase of right-of-way in the Paterson area. From there to Denville in Morris County, right-of-way and construction plans are being drafted.

A section through Denville, connecting with existing Route U.S. 46 at both ends, is now under construction at a cost of \$1.5 million. From there to Mount Arlington Avenue in Mount Arlington Township, an 8.5-mile section has been completed at a cost of more than \$15.4 million.

From Mount Arlington Avenue to another connection with Route 46 southwest of Netcong, a distance of 4.3 miles, the highway is now under construction at a cost of about \$8.6 million. This section should be completed by the middle of next year, providing a continuous 13-mile super-highway bypassing the heavily congested Denville, Dover and Netcong sections of Route 46.

From Netcong to a connection with Route U.S. 611 at Columbia in Warren County, alignment of a 22-mile stretch of the highway is being studied in an attempt to fix a precise location.

Route 611, completed in 1958 at a cost of \$4 million, will be incorporated into Interstate 80 for 3.3 miles from Columbia to a crossing of the Delaware River at the Delaware Water Gap.

The cost of completing Interstate 80 is estimated at more than \$291 million. Construction costs to date approach \$39 million.

Interstate Route 95 runs from the George Washington Bridge to the junction with Interstate 80, then swings south to a meeting with the N.J. Turnpike. Pending further studies of developing traffic trends, the new route is planned to utilize the Turnpike alignment as far south as New Brunswick. From there, traveling on new alignment, it will cross the border of the State near Trenton.

Construction of a complex interchange at the George Washington Bridge is now under construction at a cost of \$10.9 million. From Route 4 adjacent to the bridge to the junction with Interstate 80, contracts for grading, stabilization of the highway's foundation and construction of bridges amount to more than \$20.8 million. The final contracts for paving this area are due to be awarded later this year, for completion by mid-1962.

One additional \$3.1 million contract, for stabilization of the highway's foundation between the Route 80 and Route 46 interchanges, is due to be awarded.

The total estimated length of Interstate 95 is more than 70 miles, with a cost of more than \$188 million. Of this, construction costs to date amount to more than \$34 million. The Federal government is paying 90 per cent of the route's cost.

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EDITORS: This is the fourth in a series of reports on New Jersey's Interstate Routes during National Highway Week. Releases already sent you for Friday Pms use give the status of Interstate 287.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

1961 ROUTE 22 - BIDS Hunterdon County

Trenton, May 24 - The Warren Paving Co., Inc., of Stewartsville, was low bidder today on a State Highway Department contract for resurfacing a portion of Route U.S. 22 west of Clinton, Hunterdon County.

The firm's bid of \$179,034.51 was the lowest of five received. Other bidders were Kingston Bituminous Products Co., Kingston, \$230,633.52; Franklin Contracting Co., Little Falls, \$248,143.58; Public Contracting Corp., Blackwood, \$208,012.25; Albert E. Barrett, Trenton, \$209,129.00.

The project consists of resurfacing the highway's westbound roadway from the Mulhockaway Creek easterly for 3.1 miles and the eastbound roadway for 1.9 miles in the middle area of the project. Bituminous concrete will be used as the new surface over the existing concrete pavement.

The Highway Department has allowed 60 working days for completing the 100 per cent State financed project. All bids will be reviewed by State Highway engineers before the contract is awarded.

This project is the latest in a continuing series aimed at increasing the safety, riding comfort and durability of this heavily traveled artery. Route U.S. 22 carries a large percentage of all heavy trucking crossing the State to and from the New York-New Jersey metropolitan area as well as a large volume of commuter traffic.

Another Route 22 safety improvement project due to start soon will ease traffic delays at Springfield Road in Hillside, Union County.

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1961 ROUTE 22 - BIDS Hunterdon County

Other safety improvement projects now underway or in the final planning stage will provide Route 22 with 18 miles of continuous concrete center barrier from Newark to Thompson Avenue in Bridgewater Township, with the exception of a 2.3 mile section in Union and Springfield where the center island is about 200 feet wide.

A proposal for extending the highway's concrete center barrier another 4.2 miles from Washington Avenue in Green Brook to Thompson Avenue and resurfacing the highway, was presented at a public hearing last March.

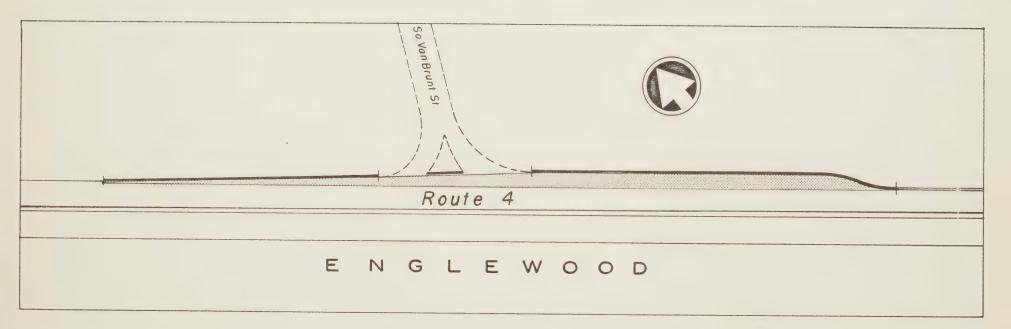
Other safety improvements aired at the hearing included four proposed jughandles at Vosseler Avenue in Bridgewater, and at Sebrings Mills Road, Crane Avenue and Warrenville Road in Green Brook.

Under an \$870,000 project now underway at Mountain Avenue in Bridgewater
Township, a half-mile of 32-inch concrete center barrier is being installed.

Sealed competitive bids on a contract to widen the Route 22 overpass at Liberty Avenue in Hillside were received by the Highway Department May 18.

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1961 ROUTE 4 - BIDS Widening Englewood, Bergen County.

Trenton, May 24- The New Jersey State Highway Department today received a low bid of \$27,475.90 on widening of Route 4 in Englewood, Bergen County.

The bid, lowest of three received on the project, was submitted by the Jersey State Concrete Co., Inc., of Hackensack.

The Sappah Construction Co., of Montvale, bid \$29,872.05, and P. Michelotti & Sons, of Saddle Brook, bid \$29,997.05.

The project was set up in cooperation with the City of Englewood, which plans to extend Van Brunt Street south to a junction with the highway.

The State Highway Department project will widen the westbound roadway of Route 4 on both sides of the new connection. Right-of-way for the project was donated through the efforts of the city of Englewood.

The project will provide a 530-foot long deceleration lane for westbound Route 4 traffic turning north on Van Brunt Street. It will also provide a 434-foot long acceleration lane for southbound traffic on Van Brunt Street turning west on Route 4.

The proposed service lane will have a bituminous concrete surface three inches thick and range in width from approximately 10 feet to 16 feet. White concrete curbs will flank the new lane.

A total of 30 working days has been allowed for completion of the 100% State financed project. All bids will be reviewed by State Highway engineers before the contract is awarded.

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1961 INTERSTATE ROUTE 80 - ADV. Demolition Paterson, Passaic County.

Trenton, May 2h - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced it will receive bids June 1h on a contract to clear the path for future construction of Interstate Route 80 in Paterson, Passaic County.

The project is being expedited in response to requests from Paterson Mayor Frank X. Graves, who expressed concern over potential fire and health hazards posed by the vacant buildings.

The contract calls for removing 247 buildings in the area from Pennsylvania Avenue to State Street.

A companion project is now underway from Pennsylvania Avenue to the Passaic River.

The Department has scheduled 80 working days for completion of the latest clearance job.

Across the river in East Paterson another clearance project extending from the new \$3.7 million Passaic River bridge to the Garden State Parkway was completed in May.

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FOR TUESDAY Pms, May 23

1961 INTERSTATE 295 Progress Report

Trenton, May 23 - The New Jersey State Highway Department said today it hopes to complete the final link of a major peripheral route around the Camden metropolitan area by 1964 or 1965.

The "belt" would be formed by Interstate Route 295 curving around the southern and eastern borders of the area to a junction with Route 73 near Fellowship, in Burlington County. Route 73, coming down from the Tacony-Palmyra Bridge across the Delaware River, generally follows the northeastern boundary of the metropolitan area.

Route 295 has already been completed from a junction with Interstate Route 80S at Mount Ephraim to a junction with Route 30 (The White Horse Pike) at Barrington.

The cost of this 3.1-mile section was \$9.5 million.

The Highway Department has started purchase of right-of-way from Barrington to Route 73 and hopes to provide construction funds in an early program.

Route 73 has already been dualized from Route 70 northwesterly across the future intersection with Interstate 295, to Route 38. From Route 38 to Route 130, it is now being dualized at a cost of \$1.3 million and the job should be completed early this summer. Other improvements to Route 73 include a \$2 million interchange with Route 130 now under construction.

The highway was dualized from Route 130 to the Tacony-Palmyra Bridge in 1959 at a cost of \$620,000.



1961 INTERSTATE 295 Progress Report.

South of Mount Ephraim, two current construction projects totaling \$7.2 million in cost will extend Route 295 to Hessian Avenue in Verga, Gloucester County, by the end of this year.

Construction plans to convert Koute 130 into a freeway are being drafted for the 1.8 mile section from Hessian Avenue to Delaware Street in West Deptford Township. At that point, the new route will join a 9.2 mile section of the Route 130 Freeway, running down to Route 322 in Bridgeport, which was completed in 1954 at a cost of \$11 million. The Route 130 Freeway section which meets interstate standards, will be incorporated into Route 295.

Right-of-way and construction plans are also being drafted on the next 11.4 miles running south from Bridgeport to Hollywood Avenue in Upper Penns Neck Township, Salem County. From there, a completed 2-mile section of the Route 130 Freeway built at a cost of \$2.1 million connects with the New Jersey Turnpike and the Delaware Memorial Bridge at Deepwater.

The entire stretch of more than 30 miles from Route 73 north to Trenton and a junction with Interstate Route 95 is now the subject of an intensive location study with public hearings to be held when the study reaches an appropriate stage.

Route 295 is one of ten interstate routes located partially or entirely within New Jersey. When completed, it will extend for more than 67 miles from Deepwater to Trenton through the heart of the rapidly developing Delaware Valley industrial complex. Total cost is estimated at more than \$113 million with the Federal Government paying 90 per cent and the State 10 per cent.

Constructions costs to date amount to almost \$30 million.

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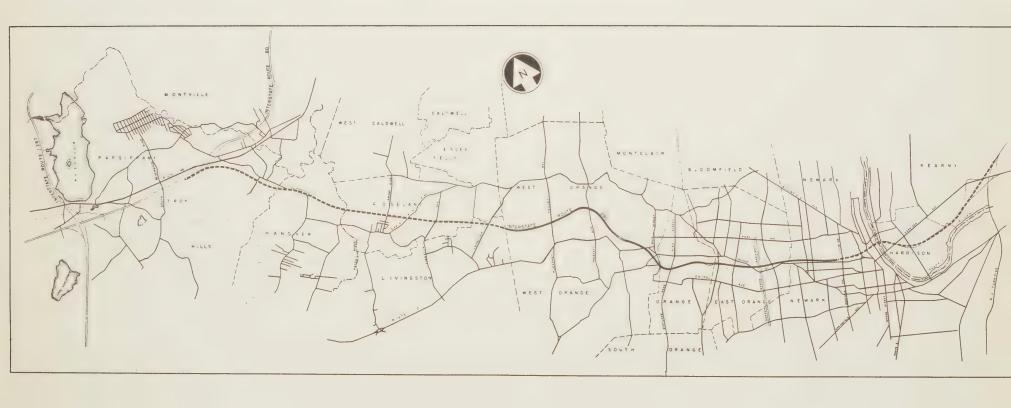
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

1961 INTERSTATE ROUTE 280 Essex East-West Freeway

Trenton, May 22 - Governor Robert B. Meyner today signed into law a bill providing added funds for construction of the Essex East-West Freeway (Interstate Route 280).

At the same time, the Governor announced that the New Jersey Highway Department has negotiated contracts for design of the super-highway through Newark, East Orange, Orange and West Orange and these were executed immediately after Governor Meyner affixed his signature to S-102. The Highway Department intends to use funds already allocated to the project for purchase of right-of-way while the construction plans are being drafted.

Governor Meyner signed the measure at a public ceremony in the Rotunda of the State House marking the opening of a week-long exhibit by the Highway Department. The exhibit, featuring models of new freeways, engineering studies of proposed alignments through urban areas, the Department's efforts to promote safety through improved highway design, and other facets of highway progress in New Jersey, is part of the State's observance of National Highway Week, May, 21-27.

The ceremony was attended by representatives of the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads, Highway Department, N. J. Highway Authority, State Legislature, Essex County, the four municipalities, N.J. Citizens' Highway Committee, and many individual citizens who had identified themselves with the struggle to make an east-west route across Essex County a reality.

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1961 INTERSTATE ROUTE 280 Essex East-West Freeway.

The Essex County section of the Freeway is part of Interstate Route 280. The Federal Government will pay 90 per cent of the basic cost of engineering, right-of-way and construction and the State will pay 10 per cent. The new law authorizes the N.J. Highway Authority to provide funds for the added cost of depressing the route along at least 88 per cent of its length from Central Avenue in Newark to the West Orange-Livingston line.

In signing the measure, Governor Meyner noted that construction of the Freeway had been delayed for decades by the lack of adequate funds for construction of a modern expressway through a congested urban area.

The Governor expressed gratification that this obstacle had been removed during his administration and all needed steps taken to ensure construction of the badly needed transportation facility. He described the four most important steps as:

- 1. Obtaining Federal approval for designation of the Freeway as an Interstate route, thus making it eligible for 90-10 aid.
- 2. Making a location study in cooperation with local officials and obtaining Federal approval for the alignment which would best serve the affected municipalities as well as Essex County and the entire State.
- 3. Finding the way to pay the added cost of depressing the route, in order to preserve civic and cultural values.
- 4. Strengthening the fiscal position of the Parkway through relief of congestion on the Essex section and provision for improvements to the Parkway.

1961 INTERSTATE ROUTE 280 Essex East-West Freeway

Governor Meyner announced that the Highway Department planned to hold a public hearing on alignment of the route from West Orange to Route 80 during the summer, in hopes of submitting a recommendation to the Federal Bureau of Public Roads before fall.

The entire route extends slightly more than 15 miles, with the section covered by today's action accounting for about half of it.

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# NEW JERSEY STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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RELEASE SUNDAY A.M. MAY 21

1961 PUBLIC AUCTION Middlesex, Morris and Passaic Counties

Trenton, May 21 - The New Jersey State Highway Department will hold public auctions May 23, 25 and 26 on 111 residential and commercial buildings in Middlesex, Morris and Passaic Counties.

The buildings are being offered for sale before the ground is cleared to make way for new Interstate freeways.

Buildings purchased at the sale must be removed from the highway construction site upon ten days notice after the transaction is final.

In Middlesex County, where a section of Interstate Route 287 will be constructed, 27 buildings in Edison Township and four buildings in Metuchen will be offered May 23 at 11 a.m. in the Highway Department offices, 1147 Amboy Avenue in Metuchen.

In Morris County, where another section of Interstate Route 287 will be built, 15 buildings in Boonton will be offered for sale May 25. The auction will begin 11 a.m. at 173 Roessler Street.

In Bergen County, where a section of Interstate Route 80 will be constructed in Paterson, 65 buildings will go on sale May 26. The auction is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. in the National Guard Armory on Essex Street near Route 17 in Lodi.

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Middlesex, Morris and
Passaic Counties

Residential buildings with garages will be considered as a single unit. All other buildings will be offered as individual units.

The successful bidder will be required at the sale to pay 25 per cent of the amount of his bid in cash or certified check payable to the Highway Department. The balance of his bid must be paid within three days after he has been notified that his bid has been accepted.

#### NOTE TO EDITORS:

Attached are lists of the buildings to be offered.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Burlington County.

Trenton, May 18 - The Barrett Paving Co., of Trenton, submitted the low bid of \$55,831.56 on a New Jersey State Highway Department contract for reconstructing a township road leading to a Federal installation in Lumberton Township, Burlington County.

The Highway Department, acting as the Federal Government's agent, has prepared plans and will supervise the construction. The Federal Government will pay all costs.

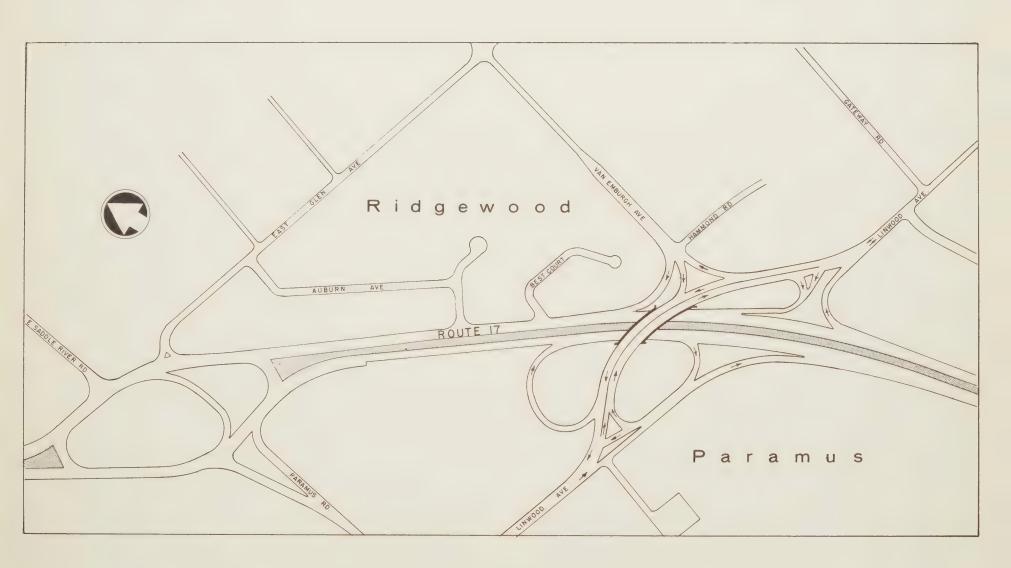
The project calls for reconstructing Landing Street from Eayrestown Road for 1.3 miles easterly to Newbolds Corner. The improved road will contain two 11-foot bituminous concrete traffic lanes flanked by gravel shoulders five feet wide.

Other bidders were: Meredith Paving Corp., Riverton, \$61,144.55; Joseph Lafferty & Sons, Medford, \$66,541.28; Delco Construction Co., Hammonton, \$73,983.03; Union Paving Co., Wynnewood, Pa., \$74,015.38; Edward H. Ellis & Sons, Merchant-ville, \$76,339.39; Barrett Roads Corporation, Lakehurst, \$80,967.20; J. Vinch & Sons, Trenton, \$81,803.35; Maurice E. Keating, Inc., Florence, \$89,085.84.

All bids will be reviewed by State Highway engineers and the Federal Bureau of Public Roads before the contract is awarded.

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RELEASE THURSDAY P.M. MAY 18

ROUTE 17 - HEARING Linwood Avenue Overpass Bergen County

Trenton, May 18 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced it will hold a public hearing May 31 to explain plans for constructing an overpass for Linwood Avenue at Route 17 in Ridgewood Village and Paramus Borough, Bergen County.

The hearing is scheduled to start at 10:30 a.m. in Ridgewood's Municipal Building. Limits for the safety improvement poject would be placed about 1,000 feet south of the Route 17 intersection and about 400 feet north of East Saddle River Road.

The project would provide a 200-foot long concrete overpass to carry Linwood

Avenue over Route 17 about 400 feet north of its present intersection. Connecting

ramps are proposed between Linwood Avenue, Route 17 and Van Emburgh Avenue.

The Highway Department plans also call for closing the five openings in the main highway's center island in the vicinity of Linwood Avenue.

Also in the immediate vicinity of the proposed overpass Route 17 would be widened from its present 70-foot width to a new width of 88 feet to include outer lames leading to and from the future Linwood Avenue ramps.

Within the limits of the project the main highway would be resurfaced with bituminous concrete.

Cost of the safety improvement project will be shared equally by the Federal government and New Jersey.

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ROUTE 17 - HEARING Linwood Avenue Overpass Bergen County

The work is part of an overall program for modernization of Route 17 that within the past five years has resulted in State Highway Department improvements totaling more than \$7 million.

The Highway Department's plans for improving the entire Route call for constructing jughandle turns at various intersections within the 4.6 mile stretch between Route 3 in Rutherford and Route 46 in Hasbrouck Heights.

In Paramus between Route 46 and Route 4, a four mile section of concrete center barrier was installed early in 1957 and in the fall of 1959 ramps connecting Route 17 with Fairview Avenue were revised.

Within the 4.5 mile length of the Route between Route 4 and the Paramus Road traffic circle three modernization projects have been completed: the Century Road overpass in August, 1960; Midland Avenue overpass in May, 1959; thirty center island openings between Route 4 and Franklin Turnpike which were closed by the Highway Department's Maintenance Bureau.

Construction of an overpass at Ridgewood Avenue and closing of 22 center island openings at a cost of \$650,000 is now underway.

Future plans in this area call for a major revision of the Paramus Road traffic circle to carry Route 17 directly through. Immediate plans are to install traffic lights as a temporary safety and traffic facility measure.

Planned also for the future is conversion of the Wearimus Road traffic circle to a full interchange with an overpass.

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Other improvements planned for Route 17 between the Wearimus Road and Franklin Turnpike traffic circles include widening the 4.7 mile stretch to six lanes; overpasses at Hollywood Avenue, Prospect Street, Allendale Avenue and Lake Street. Also planned is the possible closing of the center island opening opposite Airmount Avenue.

Reconstruction of Route 17 between Franklin Turnpike traffic circle and the New York State line as a Freeway was completed in late 1957. Part of this 4.3 mile section will in the future be absorbed in proposed Interstate Route 287.

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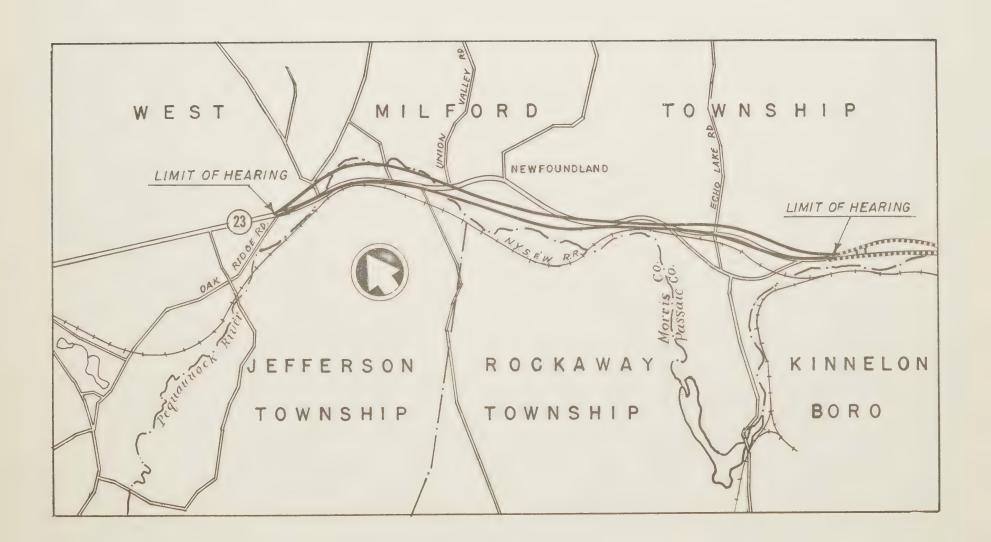
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RELEASE THURS. P.M., MAY 18.

1961 ROUTE N.J. 23 - HEARING Dualization Morris & Passaic Counties.

Trenton, May 18 - The New Jersey State Highway Department will hold a public hearing June 1 to explain its plans for dualizing Route 23 in Jefferson Township, Morris County, and West Milford Township in Passaic County.

Route 23 is a principal route to and from the lake and mountain resorts of Passaic, Morris and Sussex Counties.

The hearing will start at 10:30 a.m. in West Milford Township's Community Fire House No. 1 on Route 23 near Oak Ridge Road.

The proposed construction will extend from the previous dualized section in Charlotteburg for 3.2 miles northerly to Oak Ridge Road in Jefferson Township. Portions of the proposed dual highway would follow new alignment.

According to the Department's plans the new highway would have two 2-lane roadways totaling 24 feet in width. Hard surfaced shoulders would border both edges of each roadway.

Separating the two roadways would be a landscaped and natural center island varying in width from about 20 feet to more than 200 feet.

Of the existing 30-foot wide concrete highway only one portion will remain to serve as a connecting road for Newfoundland residents. All the rest of the substandard highway would be replaced by new construction, or abandoned.

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The Highway Department also proposes to relocate the Pequannock River between La Rue and Union Valley Roads so that it would flow between the widely separated future northbound and southbound roadways.

To improve safety and relieve traffic congestion the Department also plans revisions at the junction of Route 23 and Oak Ridge Road. The revisions include a jughandle for left turns from northbound Route 23 to Oak Ridge Road, and other safety road connections.

The proposed construction is a continuation of a project completed in 1953 that dualized the route between Smith Mills and Charlotteburg at a cost of about \$2 million. The Pequannock River flows between the dual roadways, forming a natural separation of unusual beauty.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

1961 ROUTE 22 - BIDS Liberty Avenue Viaduct Hillside, Union County.

Trenton, May 18 - The Mal-Bros Contracting Co., of West Caldwell, with an offer of \$572,631.60, was low bidder for a New Jersey State Highway Department contract to widen the Liberty Avenue viaduct on Route 22 in Hillside, Union County.

Purpose of the half-mile long project is to eliminate a traffic bottleneck that now results from squeezing six lanes of Route 22 traffic into four lanes on the relatively narrow viaduct by adding two more lanes.

The widening will extend from Bloy Avenue easterly to a point 900 feet past the viaduct. A section of reinforced concrete deck 28 feet wide will be added to the north side of the viaduct's 50-foot wide (h-lane) deck.

A total of 300 working days has been allowed for completing the project. All costs will be shared equally by State and Federal governments who will review the bids before awarding the contract.

Other bidders were: J. F. Chapman & Son, Hillside, \$594,735.46; Mohawk Constructors, Inc., Linden, \$609,893.45; Schiavone Construction Co., Secaucus, \$640,769.45; Construction Service Co., Bound Brook, \$660,963.90; Franklin Contracting Co., Little Falls, \$682,816.00; Ell Dorer Contracting Co., Irvington, \$755,607.15.

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RELEASE THURSDAY, P.M. MAY 18

1961 ROUTE 208 COMPLETION Bergen-Passaic Counties

Trenton, May 18 - The New Jersey State Highway Department today announced that construction of the Summit Avenue overpass at Route 208 in Franklin Lakes is nearing completion.

Final paving is done and remaining work consists of landscaping and clean-up.

It is the last of four overpasses constructed to carry traffic safely across Route 208. Three other overpasses, constructed at Grandview Avenue, Cedar Hill Road and Russell Avenue in Wyckoff were completed last fall.

The safety improvement project was part of the Department's overall program that has provided nine miles of continuous two-lane highway from Route 4 in Fairlawn to Colonial Road. In the immediate future another project for which \$2 million has been allocated in the 1961 program will extend the highway another 1.3 miles to Route 202 in Oakland.

Also in the current program \$600,000 has been earmarked for constructing an interchange at Morlot Avenue in Fairlawn.

Construction of a \$200,000 bridge over the New York Susquehanna & Western Railroad just west of Colonial Road started in March and is aimed for completion in October.

The total of all Route 208 construction, completed, underway and future, amounts to \$12.5 million. Costs have been shared by the Federal and State governments.

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1961 NATIONAL HICHWAY WEEK

Trenton, May 17 - Governor Robert B. Meyner today proclaimed the week of May 21-27 as "National Highway Week" in New Jersey.

The Governor signed the proclamation in a brief ceremony witnessed by State
Highway Commissioner Dwight R. G. Palmer; Senator Richard R. Stout of Monmouth,
Chairman of the Senate Highways Committee; Assemblyman J. Edward Crabiel of
Middlesex, Chairman of the Assembly Highways Committee; H.P. Beschenbossel,
Division Engineer of the Federal Bureau of Public Roads; and State Highway
Engineer Otto H. Fritzsche.

"The maintenance and construction of efficient highway networks is essential to the continued security of our Nation and a major factor in its defense," the Governor said, adding that the growth of the American economy is dependent on adequate transportation facilities.

The Governor noted that New Jersey is now in the midst of the most ambitious road-building program in the State's history, which includes construction of 376 miles of new Interstate freeways, about 450 miles of new intra-state routes, and vital improvements along hundreds of miles of existing highways.

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Editors: A copy of the Governor's Proclamation and a mat of the official photograph taken during the signing ceremony is enclosed. The Highway Department is making every effort to ensure that New Jersey does not lag behind other States in appropriate observance of National Highway Week and hopes it will be possible to use this material as the first in a series of announcements planned for the week starting May 21.

Left to right on the mat are: Standing - Assemblyman J. Edward Crabiel of Middlesex, Chairman of the Assembly Highways Committee; Otto H. Fritzsche, State Highway Engineer; Senator Richard R. Stout of Monmouth, Chairman of the Senate Highways Committee. Seated - H. P. Beschenbossel, Division Engineer of the Federal Bureau of Public Roads; Governor Robert B. Meyner; and Dwight R. G. Palmer, State Highway Commissioner.

FROM: Office of the Governor RELEASE: May 17, 1961

### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the dependence of the American economy on its three and one-half million miles of highways has been clearly established by the registration of more than seventy-four million vehicles for operation on the highways; and

WHEREAS, the present highway network reflects credit on the construction and maintenance industries and on the federal-state partnership arrangement which has made our present system possible; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance and construction of efficient highway networks is essential to the continued security of our Nation and a major factor in its defense; and

WHEREAS, 1961 marks the fifth anniversary year of the passage of the Federal Highway Act which made possible the construction of a forty-one thousand mile national system of interstate and defense highways in which the State of New Jersey shares:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT B. MEYNER, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim

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#### NATIONAL HIGHWAY WEEK

in New Jersey and urge all the citizens of our State to make appropriate observance of this occasion.

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GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this fifteenth day of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-one, and in the Independence of the United States the one hundred and eighty-fifth.

/s/ Robert B. Meyner

Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/ Edward J. Patten



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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

1961 ROUTES 71 and 35 DRAW-SPAN OPENINGS

Trenton, May 17 - The New Jersey State Highway Department has announced that limited operation of the Route 35 and Route 71 draw bridges over Shark River in Belmar, Monmouth County, will go into effect on Memorial Day.

This will be the second year that limited openings will be in effect. They will be enforced until September 30.

During Memorial Day through September 30 the bridges will open on signal only from boats at half hourly intervals, on the hour and half hour, between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays, Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day.

On week days during this period the limited openings will be in effect between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. daily.

The regulations were instituted by the secretary of the Army last summer as the result of a formal request by State Highway Commissioner Dwight R. G. Palmer in order to relieve serious traffic delays that were being occasioned by increasingly frequent span openings.

Linked to the scheduled opening of the State Highway Department's Route 35 and Route 71 bridges is operation of the Monmouth County Highway Department's Ocean Avenue bridge.

According to the Federal regulations, the County bridge will be operated in the same manner as the State bridge, except that its half hourly interval will occur 15 minutes before and 15 minutes after the hour.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

1961 ROUTE U.S. 22 - BIDS Union County

Trenton, May 11 - The Middlesex Concrete Products and Excavating Corp., of Woodbridge, submitted the low bid of \$74,337.80 on a New Jersey State Highway Department contract for safety construction on Route 22 at Springfield Road.

The project will ease traffic delays at the intersection. At present, traffic on the westbound roadway of Route U.S. 22 is controlled by a traffic signal at Springfield Road which frequently halts long lines of traffic, that sometimes extends back to the Garden State Parkway, nearly a mile to the east.

To correct this condition the Highway Department will replace the outer shoulder of westbound Route U.S. 22 with a concrete acceleration lane 13 feet wide, extending westerly from Springfield Road for 1,675 feet to a point opposite the existing opening in the center island which permits "U" turns to the highway's eastbound roadway.

The traffic light at Springfield Road will be shut off, so that southbound Springfield Road traffic can turn west on the new acceleration lane and gradually merge with traffic on the main highway without delays or interruption.

Southbound Springfield Road traffic wanting to travel east on U.S. 22 will have more than a qarter of a mile in which to cross the main traffic lanes and use the "U" turn opening.

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Another improvement will see the "U" turn from westbound-to-eastbound, located west of Hillside Avenue, reconstructed to include a long acceleration lane so that traffic can merge safely.

Other bidders on the contract were: J.F. Chapman & Son, Inc., Hillside, \$74,839.40; L. Zimmerman & Sons, Inc., Hillside, \$74,960.55; Central Construction Co., Clark, \$81,592.10.

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